

Trauma Scene Cleaning Information

After surveying Trauma Scene Practitioners (TSP) and seeking assistance from the health care community the following information was developed to communicate information regarding proper cleaning techniques and employee protection for those involved in trauma scene clean ups. The sources listed in the "Trauma Scene Cleaning Information" Table, although not exhaustive, will provide the TSP criteria to follow in performing cleaning tasks. Reference to these sources will allow them to communicate the bases for their actions and decisions. Clients of TSP may find the information helpful as guidance to understand what their TSP is telling them or to develop questions to assist in understanding how to choose a TSP. This information should also assist clients in deciding whether their TSP performed the job satisfactorily.

With regards to cleaning and infection control, a trauma scene poses the same situations as are routinely found in operating rooms, emergency rooms, response scenes requiring emergency medical technicians, or any number of patient care areas. Therefore rules and guidelines used by the health care community should be used as references for trauma scene practitioners.

Infection control and cleaning information listed in the following rules, guidelines and publications should include information/criteria necessary to assure proper techniques are followed for trauma scene clean-up. This list is not all inclusive, others sources may also be useful, but it is anticipated that the listing would be a representation of what is available for use. It is understood that trauma scenes take on a variety of sites and special situations that differ from the specific applications in the health care settings addressed in the references. It is expected that the TSP and other interested parties should be able to focus on the infection control and cleaning criteria as they apply to their specific situation.

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Agency or Association	Rule/guideline/ Information
Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>2002 Standards, Recommended Practices, and Guidelines</u>, Section 3 Recommended practices for environmental cleaning in the surgical practice setting http://www.findarticles.com/cf_dls/m0FSL/n2_v67/20651299/p1/article.jhtml 2. http://www.aorn.org
Association of Professionals in Infection Control (APIC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>APIC Guideline for Selection and Use of Disinfectants</i> as printed in <i>AJIC (American Journal of Infection Control)</i> Vol. 24, No. 4, pp. 313-342, August 1996 2. <i>Infection Control and Epidemiology: Chapters 73, Environmental Services; 74, Infectious Waste; 76, Maintenance and Engineering</i> 3. http://www.apic.org
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Hospital Accreditation Standards: Management of the Environment of Care</i> 2. http://www.jcaho.org/
California Department of Health Services (DHS) Medical Waste Management Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical Waste Management Act Sections 117670; 117680; 117690(a) (1) (E), 117690(a)(2); 117705(d); 117755(c); 117760; 117776; 117777; 117778; 118005;118321, 118321.1, 118321.4,118321.5, 118321.6 2. http://www.dhs.ca.gov/medicalwaste
DHS Licensing and Certification	Title 22 California Code of Regulations Division5,Chapter 1, Article 7 § 70739 (Infection Control Program Requirement) http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=131629733&advquery=%2270739%22&infobase=ccr&record={C8C9E}&softpage=SearchFrame Pg42&zz=
U.S. Centers for Disease Control	http://www.cdc.gov/ http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/cdcrecommends/showarticle.asp?a_artid=P0000446&TopNum=50&CallPg=Adv
Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration (IICRC)	http://www.iicrc.org/index-right.html